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Containing Same

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Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 116

In response to the Office Action dated May 1, 2001, Applicants respectfully
request entry of the following amendment and consideration of the following remarks.

AMENDMENT

In the claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (amended) A [wet-laid] nonwoven [fibrous] web material comprising wet-laid fibers wherein the dominant fiber component is unpulped long natural fiber bundles.
5. (amended) [The nonwoven web material of claim 1 wherein] A nonwoven web material comprising wet-laid fibers wherein the dominant fiber component is unpulped long natural fiber bundles and the web includes a pulp fiber component.

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